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SUBJECT: PROPOSED SALE OF LANDSAT SYSTEM EQUIPMENT

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1. SALE HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED DIRECTLY BY SOVIETS. NOR HAVE
EMBOFFS RAISED MATTER.

2. GENERAL SUBJECT OF SATELLITE CROP ASSESSMENT CAPABILITIES HAS,
HOWEVER, BEEN BROUGHT UP TWICE RECENTLY BY SOVIET OFFICIALS. AT
ECON WORKING GROUP SESSIONS OF JOINT COMMITTEE OF AG COOP AGREE-
MENT IN WASH., THEY REQUESTED AND RECEIVED BRIEFING ON USDA
LACIE PROJECT, AND ASKED FOR PUBLISHED MATERIALS ON PROGRAM.
NEXT, AT ANNUAL MFA RECEPTION FOR EMBOFFS LAST WEEK, TWO MFA
ECONOMISTS ASKED AGATT TRICK FOR APPRAISAL OF LACIE. QUESTION
WAS ASKED PURPOSEFULLY. NEITHER HAD CARDS INCIDENTALLY BUT
GAVE NAMES OF KUZNETSOV AND PAVLOV. TRICK OFFERED TO SEND THEM
COPIES OF AUG. 30 FOREIGN AGRICULTURE ARTICLE ON SUBJECT AND
HAS MAILED THEM. FYI, COPIES OF RECENT ARTICLES
ON LACIE IN CALIFORNIA FARMER, NOV. 6, 1976, AND
MILLING AND BAKING NEWS, DEC 14, 1976, WERE ALSO SENT
THIS WEEK TO USSR-US SECRETARIAT FOR AGRICULTURAL
COOPERATION AGREEMENT AT MIN. AG. IN DESCRIBING THE
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LACIE PROGRAM, ALL OF THESE ARTICLES POINT UP RE-
SEARCH STAGE OF THIS PROJECT AND FACT THAT RELIABLE
CROP YIELD ASSESSMENT HAS NOT BEEN ACHIEVED.

3. POST HOPES THAT COORDINATED USG POSITION ON SUCH
SALES CAN BE DEVELOPED SOON. IF IT IS CONSIDERED IM-

PROBABLE THAT EXPORT LICENSING WILL BE APPROVED, OR
IF LONG DELAY IS FORESEEN, PERHAPS STANDFORD TECH COULD
BE ADVISED OF THIS IN VIEW OF REPORTED PLANS TO GO AHEAD
NEXT WEEK WITH CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIETS.
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